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Eviction of Harijans in Malabar.

* 194 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation alleging the eviction of Harijans from their houses in Malabar and what action the Government have taken on it; and

(*b*) how far the Government authorities in Malabar have implemented the scheme for grant of 15 cents of land for house-sites to Harijans in that district?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Some representations alleging eviction of Harijans from their houses have been received by the Collector of Malabar. In ten really urgent cases, land acquisition proceedings have been started by him. The other cases are under investigation.

" (*b*) The implementation of the Scheme has been taken up by the Collector in really urgent cases. Preliminary enquiries are in progress."

Sri A. APPU :—" May I know whether a suit has been filed against a Harijan M.L.A. coming from Malabar, whether he has made a representation to the Director of Harijan Welfare to acquire the lands under the Land Acquisition Act and whether he has stated that he was prepared to deposit the amount required for the acquisition? Will the Government be pleased to acquire lands in such cases? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As regards the first part of the question of the hon. Member, I may say that the Government have no information. As regards the second part of his question, I submit that the Collector has reported that in urgent hard cases, he is taking necessary action."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister in the answer given by him just now was saying that ten cases of eviction were represented to the Collector of Malabar. May I know from the Hon. Minister what action has been taken in view of the fact that after the eviction, these ten families are thrown in the street without having any houses to live in? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Collector of Malabar has reported that there were only 300 land acquisition cases in the district which were really considered urgent, that except in stray cases of eviction here and there in the district, no Harijan family had been thrown out of their residences and that no one was remaining without shelter."

Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" In view of the frequent complaints from Malabar and other places, will the Government consider the desirability of fixing a time-limit of three months or

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six months for disposing of applications for house-sites and call for monthly reports from Collectors in cases where applications are pending for more than the period prescribed?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"Sir, the suggestion will be borne in mind."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது, அங்கங்கே சில கேஸ்களைத் தவிர அங்கு அநேகமாக யாருக்கும் வீடு இல்லாமல் இல்லை என்று குறிப்பிட்டார். அதற்காக சில விதி விலக்குகள் இருக்கின்றன என்பது உண்மையாகிறது. அப்படிப் பட்ட சில கேஸ்கள் சம்பந்தமாக அந்த கலெக்டர் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தார் என்று அவரை விசாரிக்க அரசாங்கம் கருதிற்றா ? அப்படிக் கருதினால் அதற்கு என்ன பதில் கிடைத்தது ?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"The Collector himself has stated that in respect of stray cases he is taking necessary steps."

SRI O. KORAN :—"May I know whether the Government have received any representation regarding eviction after the passing of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act recently?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"I have no information."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"Is the Hon. Minister very serious when he says that only 300 Harijan cases are pending in Malabar? I know hundreds of cases where Harijans are without homes. Will the Hon. Minister make efforts to provide the 15 cents of land assured by the Government even though it may be very difficult to make any such provision in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"Sir, the Government are always serious in this respect. I have informed this hon. House on a former occasion that as soon as the President's assent to the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act is received, the Government will be in a better position to hasten acquisition and establish the rights of ownership for these Harijan residents."

Abolition of Additional First-class Magistrates' Courts, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 195 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Additional First-class Magistrates' Courts in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to abolish all or any of these courts on the ground of insufficient work?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—"(*a*) Four.

"(*b*) No, Sir."